

**Minutes for the April 13, 2015 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Kurt Neitzke**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30 pm by President Empsy Munden. Approximately 15 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program

1. Joe Mosquito representative was absent, and therefore did not provide the scheduled presentation.
2. A gentleman representing a grass roots organization passed out cards urging Virginia Beach Residents to attend a town meeting hosted by representatives of the Virginia Beach Government to present an overview of the current proposed city budget at Green Run High School April 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The grass roots organization appears to oppose the raising of taxes and fees to support some city budget initiatives.
3. A representative of the Sierra Club, Zach Jarjaura, provided a brief overview of the Virginia Beach Solar Co-op under current development by a group of community members. He informed us of an April 15th information presentation at the Virginia Beach Central Library that will provide additional detail regarding the Co-op. He also provided a website for additional information: www.vasun.org/virginia-beach-solar-co-op/ .
4. Guest Recognition – State Delegate Bill DeSteph was present and expressed the following:
 - a. Re-iterated his intent to run for the State Senate seat being vacated by Mr. Jeff McWaters
 - b. Mentioned two bills on which he is an author, and their current status: one bill proposes to enable access to a background check database in the event an arms seller would choose to perform a background check on a potential buyer (not required presently); the other bill aims to attract storm water management funds at the state level to the Hampton Roads area due to our higher risk of storm related damage with respect to other localities within the Commonwealth.
 - c. Requested help by anyone willing to research the issue of our communities vulnerability to storm events within the context of rising future sea levels, coupled with our contributing geographical and geological characteristics.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Dave Albis and accepted by Empsy Munden.

Secretary Report: March 9, 2015 minutes were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Kurt Neitzke and 2nd by Dave Albis. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report: Empsy Munden provided updates in Committees, Old and New Business.

1. Empsy has been nominated for an award at the VBCCO annual dinner and **a motion was made by Dick Brothers, and seconded by Kurt Neitzke**, for CSBTS Civic League to purchase a table for up to ten people to attend the event, which costs \$330.00. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote.
2. **A motion was made by Tosh Cahoon, seconded by Dave Albis** for the CSBTS Civic League to donate \$100.00 to the overnight graduation party at Cox High School. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. **A motion was made by Dick Brothers, seconded by Empsy Munden** for CSBTS Civic League to donate \$100.00 to the Alzheimers Association in memory of former mayor Meyera Oberndorf. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote.
4. **A motion was made by Tosh Cahoon, seconded by Dick Brothers**, for CSBTS Civic League to spend \$125.00 to rent a horse for entertainment at the upcoming Spring Fling event. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. The stand-up paddle-board (SUP) race was discussed, with the following highlights:
 - a. Concern about CSBTS Civic League liability was raised
 - b. It was noted that the event happened last year with two liability protections for CSBTS: a personal waiver signed by each contestant, and an insurance policy procured by CSBTS. This year's event proposes the same arrangement as last year
 - c. Kurt proposed seeking legal counsel regarding whether this adequately protects CSBTS Civic league, and will seek a source for this legal counsel. Kurt will also contact J & A Racing and perhaps others, to ask about how they handle liability protection for similar events.
 - d. Dave Albis noted the CSBTS Civic League carries a blanket liability policy, so it would be useful to understand whether this offers any liability protection for the SUP event.
6. Todd Solomon will begin working on the fireworks permits very soon.
7. Todd also noted that the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) is designated a 501C4 tax exempt organization, but they did not file for a State of Virginia Tax exemption. Todd also noted that a meeting with Phil Kellam is probably in order due to lack of progress with the current contact at the City.

1st VP Report: Bill House was absent and no report was provided.

2nd VP Report: Diana Albis attended a meeting where an overview of the City of Virginia Beach Annual Budget was presented. Diana provided a handout that provided a website for additional budget details: www.vbgov.org, a top-level budget number of \$2.6B total budget and a \$1.9B net budget. The handout also noted the public hearings on the budget scheduled for April 23 at Green Run High, and on April 28 at City Council Chambers. These forums are to receive citizen feedback on the proposed budget. The handout also provided examples of some of the proposed increases in fees and taxes on residents to fund the budget.

Committees:

Beautification – Neighborhood cleanup was completed March 28th. Volunteers continue to be the usual, reliable group and ways to increase participation were discussed. A suggestion was made by Dave Albis to review the membership application for a list of members expressing an interest in participating in the cleanups, then sending a targeted email to this group prior to each scheduled clean-up, citing their expressed interest in this activity.

Old Business:

Shamrock Race Volunteers – **Todd Soloman** reported \$320.00 donation to the CSBTS Civic League by J & A Racing in appreciation for CSBTS residents volunteering at the Shamrock Marathon.

Tax Exempt Status – **Todd Solomon** continues working on the subject status for CSBTS. Todd noted that VBCCO

New Business:

All new business was discussed above in these minutes.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:37pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Kurt Neitzke and 2nd by Empsy Munden. Motion passed unanimously.**